

News Release

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ICE arrests Tucson man for distribution of child pornography

TUCSON, Ariz. – A 39-year-old Tucson man made his initial appearance here in federal court today after being arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents on charges involving the possession and distribution of child pornography.

Carl Harrison is accused of six counts of possessing and distributing child pornography in an indictment handed down by a federal grand jury earlier this week. The investigation into Harrison began after ICE agents received information from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

Subsequently, ICE agents obtained a search warrant and seized Harrison's personal computer. A forensic examination of that computer turned up hundreds of sexually explicit video and still images of children. The examination also indicated there were several e-mails, both incoming and outgoing, to other e-mail addresses with attachments containing images of child pornography.

"I applaud the great efforts of ICE and NCMEC to locate and bring to justice these predators who use email and the Internet to feed their addiction at the expense of innocent children," said United States Attorney Paul K. Charlton.

"Our commitment to getting people like this off the streets cannot be overstated," said Roberto G. Medina, special agent in charge of ICE's office of investigations in Arizona. "Finding those who exploit our children for sexual purposes will continue to be one of our highest investigative priorities."

Harrison is charged with four counts involving the distribution and receipt of child pornography. Each of those counts carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum penalty of up to 20 years. The two counts related to the possession of child pornography carry a maximum sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

Harrison is due back in court May 31 for a detention hearing.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

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